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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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INK CONTAINER OPENER

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1. **Type of Application** Original (non-provisional)2. **Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):**

5 Pages of specification
3 Pages of claims
1 Page of Abstract
5 Sheets of Formal/Informal Drawings (Figures 1-4)

3. **Declaration or oath** Enclosed4. **Preliminary Amendment** Enclosed5. **Language** English6. **Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to: **Nu-kote International, Inc.**
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7. **Priority****Priority is hereby claimed to Patent Application No.** filed8. **Information Disclosure Statement** Enclosed Form 1449 PTO References

9. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

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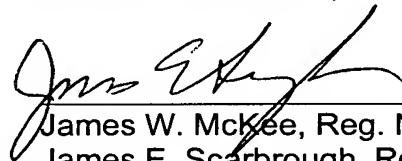
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